



CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2026 at 6:00 PM

CitySpace: 100 5th St NE, Charlottesville, VA 22902

The Charlottesville City Council held a special meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2026, to discuss budget development for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27). Mayor Juandiego Wade called the meeting to order, and Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas called the roll, noting all councilors present: Mayor Juandiego Wade, Vice Mayor Natalie Oschrin, and Councilors Jen Fleisher, Michael Payne and Lloyd Snook.

Mr. Wade turned the meeting over to City Manager Samuel Sanders, Jr., who explained the purpose of the meeting as a wrap-up to solidify outlying budget issues for Council.

Mr. Wade opened discussion about the proposed tax rate increase of \$0.01.

Kristina Hammill, Director of Budget and Grants Management used a worksheet to help Council determine budget dollar adjustments to align with the proposed City Budget amount including the tax rate increase. Council determined that they would balance the overall budget by using funds from the Citywide Reserve Fund. Council also discussed appropriating funds from the Council Strategic Initiatives Fund line item to adjust allocations to nonprofit agencies as presented in the Vibrant Community Fund report from a previous meeting.

Councilor Snook expressed concern about committing funds from the Council Strategic Initiatives Fund to items that do not constitute strategic initiatives.

Mr. Sanders posed a question to Council about their desire to add language to the City Budget appropriation Ordinance for recovering funds from the City Schools budget should the State budget appropriation exceed the local adopted budget. Councilor Snook recommended not putting language in the ordinance for recovering funds from Schools if the amount is less than \$1 Million. City Attorney John Maddux advised Council on legal methods for handling excess funds with the consent of the School Board. Following further discussion, Mr. Maddux advised that he would include appropriate wording in the Budget ordinance for Council consideration.

On motion by Fleisher, Council by unanimous consent adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council